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SUBJECT.

Power Stations. — Defence Scheme.

J. N. Krishnan
21.8.42.

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TELEGRAMS: "GOMED"

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E. & M. E., MEM.A.I.E.E.
CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.

TELEPHONE No. { OFFICE: 2416
RESIDENCE: 2415

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE.
BANGALORE, 18th March 1942.
(S. INDIA)

D. O. No. 3493

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Ramanathan,

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SGF-PRN.

Yours sincerely,

SGF for CRS

To

Rājaseavaparasakta
A.V.Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Minister for Law,
Bangalore.

Dear Jurad.
I fully agree that it is time we ask the ~~Govt~~ Govt of India to provide in their defence plans for such contingencies in respect of these three sites for Kuthmiaya Falls, Belagola & Bhadravati. Mere Lancers will

not be effective. Anti craft guns & machine guns would be needed; ~~which~~ though we need not till the mil. approach detonate

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The Resident said that the matter would discuss this matter with the G.O.C & get his advice

Chief Secy 20/3/42

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This was to have been discussed at a meeting with the Resident & G.O.C Southern Command. The meeting has not taken place.

The Resident says that the Chief Commandant might be asked to submit proposals and if necessary we might consult Southern Command afterwards. The threat to Durie is said to be no longer imminent

Draft to C. C for the post ch

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	2 Issued No. 2951/W dy 12.5.42 to the C.C. M.S.T.
	From The C.C in Charge 6956.C2-829/40 dy 14th my. 42 Stating that the matter has been referred to Col. Vigors and he has promised to furnish his opinion early. Subd for perusal.
	3. From The C.C in charge M.S.T. C.C. 14/41 dy 18th my. 42 forwarding Col. Vigors reply in original. Re: Protective measures at Khanspur, Kind of type is invited to this office letter and the Reg reply in the matter. The CC considers that nothing but adequate A/A Defence would be effective and unless the necessary Weapons can be supplied by the Defence Dept. nothing can be done with which the troops are armed i.e rifles. He wants to make a personal reconnaissance of the places. Subd for perusal and orders Col Vigors letter is found
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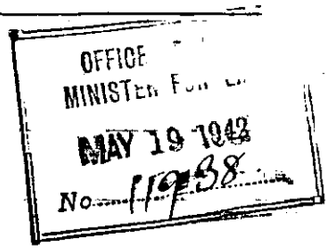

for approval. Note for consideration whether the matter may not be finally passed after his return from leave

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Chief Sec

I think for the present, the existing arrangements are enough

Law Minister & Dewan

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May the papers be filed? For orders whether as reply to Mr Forbes is necessary.

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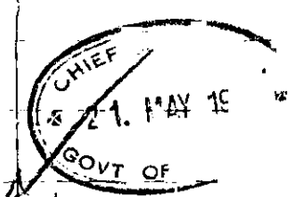
Chief Sec



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SUBJECT..... Power Stations — Defence Schemes.

Section

File No.

Serial No.

From Secret

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To The Chief Commanding Royal Artillery

Date of issue.....

Signed by .....

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of D.O. No 3493 of 18-3-42 from the Chief Electrical Adviser to Govt. on the above subject, I am directed to request you kindly to forward proposals for about dispersal plans for Calcutta Power ...

List of enclosures.....

Copied by .....

Examined by.....

The powers & Functions referred
to in the letter and also
Krishnaraja Sagara, Belagola
and Badamakote

I have not

check copy

E.J.

MOST SECRET.

2951/W
W 233-40-2

12.5.42

To

The Chief ~~Commissioner of Coorg~~ Commandant, Mysore State Troops.

Power Stations - Defence Scheme.

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I have etc.,

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Chief Secy. to Govt.

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MOST SECRET.

12th May 1942.

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Mysore State Troops.

Power Stations - Defence Scheme.

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

D.O. letter No.3493 dated the 18th March 1942 from the Electrical Adviser to Govt., to the Law Minister.

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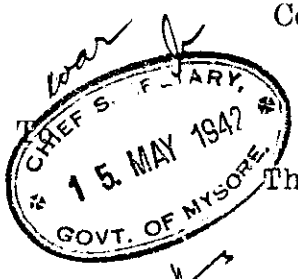
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated....14th May.....*194* 2.

No. 6956-C2-829/40
MOST SECRET.

FROM

COL. M. D. VIGORS, D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops,
Bangalore.



To The Chief Secretary
to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.2951/W., dated 12th May 1942 and enclosure, and to state that the matter has been referred to Colonel Vigors, Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, (now on leave). He has promised to furnish his opinion early.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Commandant in charge,
Mysore State Troops.

MGk.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated 18-5-42 *194* .

Most Secret

No. C.C. 14/41/Enc 4

FROM

J.B.Mallaradhya, Esqr., M.A.,
Col.M.D.VIGORS, M.C.
(In-charge)
Chief Commandant/ Mysore State Troops,
Bangalore.

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore

SIR,

Power Stations - Defence Scheme

With reference to your letter No.2951/W dated 12th May 42, I have the honour to forward herewith reply (in original) given by Col.M.D.Vigors to the above quoted letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J.B.Mallaradhya

Chief Commandant
(In charge)
Mysore State Troops.

First Secret

To Chief Secretary
Govt of Mysore.

From Chief Commandant
Mysore State Troops
16th May.

Ref your 2951/W dt/12th May with enclosure from Mr Davies. I would like to point out that the question of safeguarding some or all of these installations etc were discussed at a meeting held at the Diwan, at which the Minister for Law & Order & the I.G.P. were both present.

It was not considered, at that meeting, that there was any need for the Troops to take over the guarding of these places.

I do feel that at present airborne landings by either parachutists or Troop carrying 'planes can be discounted & the only danger to be apprehended is from (a) 5th Columnists or (b) long range bombers.

For (a) I consider Police arrangements sufficient

As regards (b) nothing but adequate A/A Defence would be effective & unless the necessary weapons can be supplied by the Defence Dept.

can only be done with the weapons; with which the troops are armed. i.e. rifles.

I presume Southern Army H.Q. are interested in keeping the Electric Power going for Bangalore & the Hindustan Aircraft Factory. Except for War purposes it is essential that—

(1) Sivasamundrum
(2) Shimshapuram
(3) Kankanhalli Transformer Stn

be safeguarded.

This I am prepared to do & would like to discuss on my return & go over the various places thoroughly.

As regards—

Hqrs O+P || (4) Krishnarajasagar. I do not consider this dam is in danger from aerial attack & the sluices etc could only be damaged with great difficulty.

I feel that the approaches could be safely guarded by Police but if considered necessary will be taken over by the Military.

(5) Belagola.

(6) Bhadravati

Neither of these - though during war work are vital can safely be left to the Police. ~~XXXX

This will leave ample for Internal Security in the State, but does not allow for 1 Coy being detailed for aerodrome defence under Southern Army at the Hindustan Aircraft Factory.

These special Coys have the same 250 strength against our establishment of 11 OR 10 Rs.

The M.L. should be utilised as regd & in case of necessity can be sent with as many buses as rolling stock permitted. Remainder dismounted by Trains or in Lorries.

In view of shortage of buses wagons & buses Govt might consider carrying 1 Sqn at each of the following 2 places Kolar Gold Fields & Bhadravati, but I am against this.

Some of the Reserve Police if relieved by the Military at (1), (2), (3) & (4)? Should remain at these places to deal with Civilian Trespassers & the remainder used to increase the garrisons at certain Storm centres.

M. Tigne Col
C & M.S.I.

Done 18/5/42.